



# How IT Organizations Do Business with the Commonwealth







#### Welcome

Thank you for your interest in doing business with the Commonwealth of Virginia. The slides that follow will provide you with an overview of the ways to take advantage of the opportunities available.

Should you have any questions, please contact: <a href="mailto:scminfo@vita.virginia.gov">scminfo@vita.virginia.gov</a>





### **Procurement Authority**

- VITA has authority for procurement of IT and telecommunications goods and services on behalf of other state agencies and institutions. Counties, localities and all other public bodies are able to use all statewide contracts.
- VITA is the only agency that can create statewide IT contracts available to all public bodies.
- VITA can delegate authority for agency-specific IT procurements.
- Local governments and Charter Universities are not under VITA's authority, but they can utilize its contracts.





### Northrop Grumman Overview

- A 13-year, \$2 billion public-private partnership between Commonwealth and Northrop Grumman
- Northrop Grumman provided essential up-front private sector capital to provide a modern IT infrastructure.
- Transforming state government's IT infrastructure from more than 80 Executive Branch agency systems to an enterprise-wide and more cohesive, secure and efficient infrastructure
- Northrop Grumman is committed to supporting the state's Small, Women and Minority-owned Business (SWaM) program and is required to report SWaM sub-contracting.
- The next slide illustrates the services NG provides to Executive Branch agencies.





#### NG provides infrastructure for Executive Branch agencies

#### "Jump-Starting" Infrastructure Investments Through Private Partners

#### **Messaging Services**



Enterprise Exchange/Outlook E-mail Enterprise Collaboration Tools Active Directory, DNS \$25M Investment

#### Desktop



Mass Desktop Refresh Network Printer Consolidation and Refresh Enterprise Desktop Management Systems \$35M Investment

#### Help Desk



Enterprise Help Desk in Russell and Chesterfield Field Based Agents and Technicians for Level 3 Enterprise Help Desk System (Peregrine) \$10M Investment

#### Mainframe and Servers



New IBM and Unisys Mainframes Consolidation and Refresh of Servers Migration of servers to the Data Center \$50M Investment

### Transformation

People – Process – Tools Reliable, High-Performance. Enterprise-Wide IT Infrastructure \$270 Million Investment

#### Security



Enterprise Security Operations Center Computer Security Incident Response Center Secure Internet Gateway \$10M Investment

#### Tier 3 and Tier 2 Facilities



New Data Center/Office Building in Chesterfield New Disaster Recovery Center and Help Desk in Lebanon, Russell County \$60M Investment

#### Network



New Commonwealth-Wide MPLS Core WAN LAN upgrades to Local Switches/Routers as Needed Network Re-addressing of IP, DHCP \$60M Investment

#### Voice / Video



Voice-Over IP Network Optimized for Voice and Video Traffic \$20M Investment





## Northrop Grumman Contact

- Northrop Grumman utilizes a variety of subcontractors to fulfill its role.
- NG places significant emphasis on the use of SWaMs.
- For information contact: swam@ngc.com





### Rules of Doing IT business with the Commonwealth

- All IT procurements fall under the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA).
- All VITA contracts are awarded in accordance with requirements of the VPPA or PPEA:
  - Procurements must be conducted in a fair and impartial manner; avoid even the appearance of impropriety.
  - All qualified vendors have access to public business.
  - No offeror is arbitrarily or capriciously excluded.
  - Competition must be sought to the maximum feasible degree.
  - Specifications reflect the procurement needs of the agency rather than being drawn to favor a particular vendor.

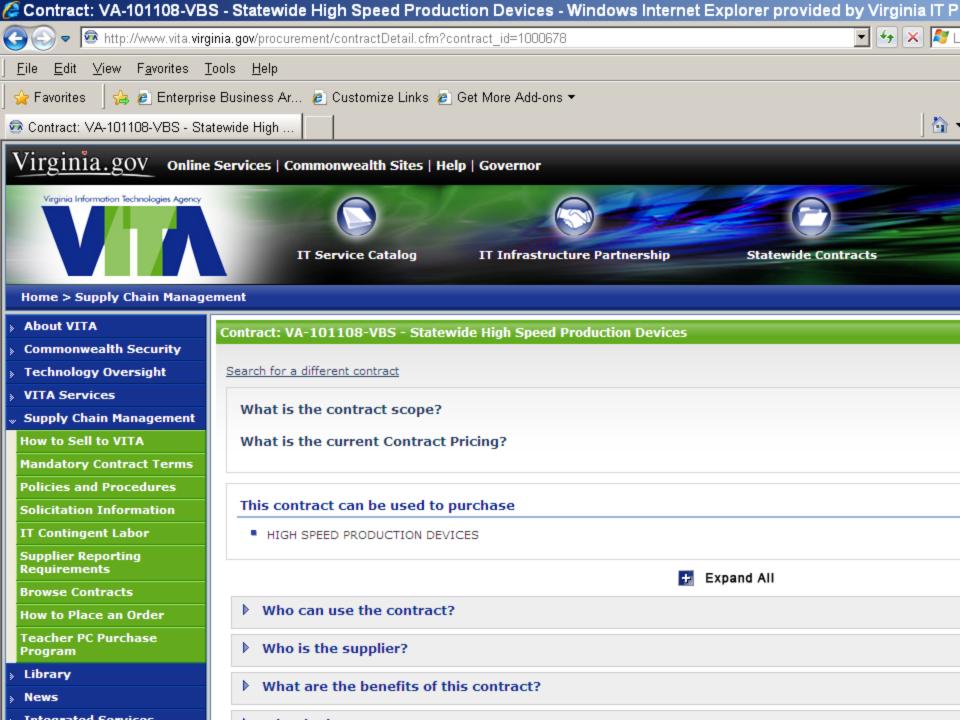




#### VITA Statewide Contracts

Information about VITA statewide contracts is available on the VITA website http://www.vita.virginia.gov/procurement/contracts.cfm Searchable by supplier, keyword and contract number









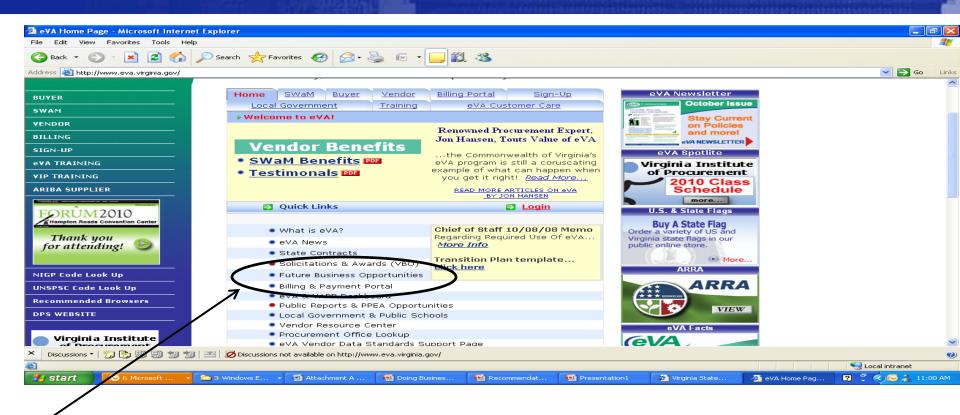
## Opportunity: eVA solicitations

- Agencies are required to use eVA to publish solicitations.
- Procurement link: <a href="https://www.eva.virginia.gov">www.eva.virginia.gov</a>
- Planned solicitations are posted under "Future Procurements".
- eVA registration and correct commodity code references are critical in order to receive notification of solicitations.

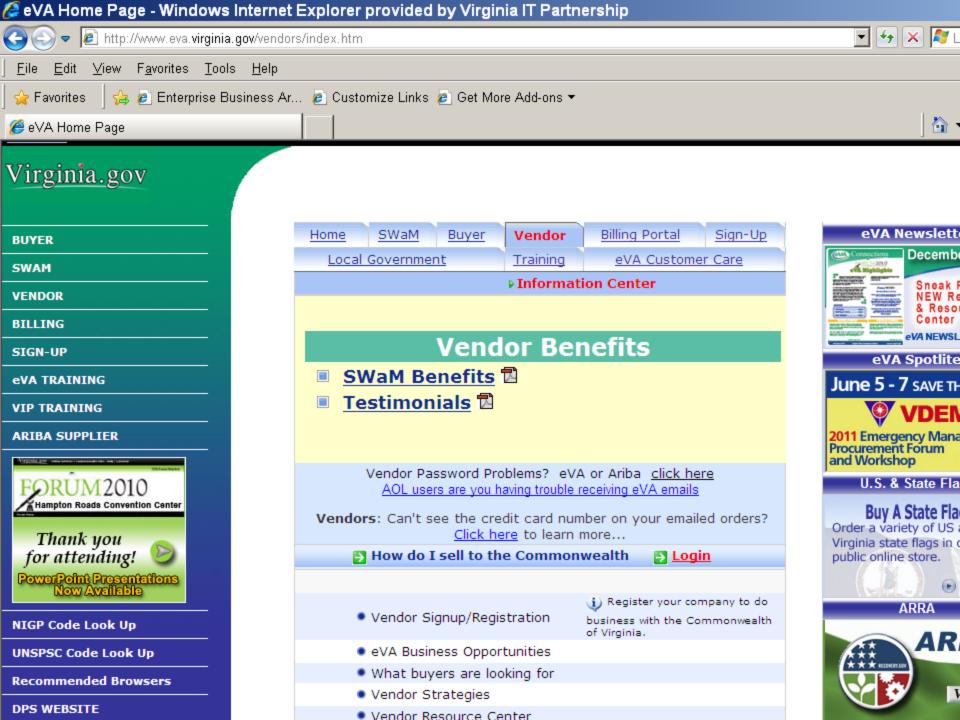




#### eVA has Quick Links



Links to solicitations (Solicitations and Awards) and Future Business Opportunities







## Types of procurements

- Competitive solicitations
  - Small purchases Less than \$5,000 One quote required;
    \$5,000 to \$100,000 utilize eVA Quick Quote system
  - Competitive sealed bidding (Invitation for Bids- IFB)
  - Competitive negotiations (Request for Proposals RFP)
- Cooperative Procurements (including G.S.A.)
  - Joining with other states or public bodies for procurement (combined requirements)
  - To use cooperative contracts, an Agency receive approval from the CIO, and the contract must be performed by a public entity, not a consortium.
  - Typically limited use and most suited to commodities





#### Policies encourage small business participation

- Definition of a qualified small business: Department of Minority Business Enterprises (DMBE)-certified business with 250 or fewer employees or gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the past three years.
- If a solicitation specifies that it is a set-aside, small businesses must be certified by DMBE to receive a set-aside award. For information, see www.dmbe.virginia.gov.

Small business participation is encouraged through direct participation and through subcontracting





#### Policies encourage small business participation

- Procurements less than \$5,000 are set aside for small businesses, if a small business is available.
- Procurements from \$5,000 \$100,000 are set aside for small businesses when a minimum of four small businesses are solicited.
   VITA utilizes eVA Quick Quote to meet this requirement.
- Procurements greater than \$100,000 may be set aside; a minimum of six small businesses usually are solicited.
- Small business subcontract plans are required for solicitations greater than \$100,000.

All Executive Branch agencies and non-exempt institutions of higher education are subject to these policies





#### Opportunity: Contract Vehicles

## VITA statewide contracts offer opportunities to subcontract:

- Northrop Grumman agreement
- Staff augmentation -- Computer Aid, Inc. is COVA's managed service provider for staff augmentation and SOW engagements. <a href="http://www.vita.virginia.gov/scm/default.aspx?id=11906">http://www.vita.virginia.gov/scm/default.aspx?id=11906</a>
- Subcontracting opportunities may exist on current contracts
- For subcontracting opportunities, work with the current contract holders





#### Ethics in Public Contracting – §2.2-4367 et seq.

- Addresses proscribed participation by public employees in procurement transactions
- Disclosure of subsequent employment
- Prohibition on solicitation or acceptance of gifts from contractors by procurement officers
- Kickbacks prohibited
- Participation in bid preparation, submitting bid for same procurement not allowed
- Misrepresentations cannot conceal or misrepresent a material fact or make fraudulent statements
- Avoidance of any appearance of impropriety





#### VITA's commitment to the supplier community

- VITA values its suppliers of IT and telecommunications good and services and is committed to their success.
- VITA has worked diligently to improve the quality and ease of use of its solicitations and contracts to be more supplier and user-friendly.
- VITA has worked with the supplier community and the Office of the Attorney General to mold contractual terms and conditions which minimize risk to the Commonwealth while encouraging supplier performance.





#### **Doing Business with VITA**

- Virginia Business "One Stop": <a href="http://www.bos.virginia.gov/">http://www.bos.virginia.gov/</a>
- eVA: <u>www.eva.virginia.gov</u>
- State Corporation Commission: <u>www.scc.virginia.gov</u>
- Department of Minority Business Assistance: <u>www.dmbe.virginia.gov</u>
- VITA contracts site: <u>www.vita.virginia.gov/scm</u>
- Northrop Grumman Contact: <u>swam@ngc.com</u>
- Computer Aid info: <u>http://www.vita.virginia.gov/scm/default.aspx?id=11906</u>